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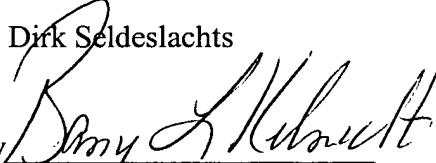
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Sir:

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The aforementioned patent publication has recently come to the attention of Appellant during an opposition proceeding being conducted in a foreign country and was brought to the attention of the undersigned attorney within the last ten days.

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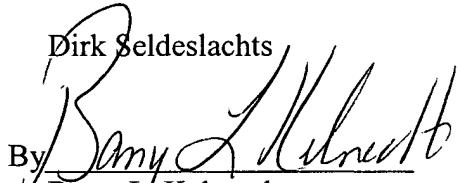
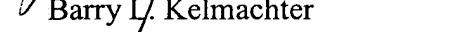
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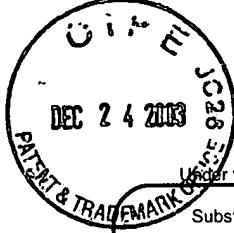
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